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Cooke Trial Set for Aug. 31

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The court-martial of 2nd Lt. Christopher Cooke, an Air Force missile officer accused of making unauthorized contacts with Soviet Embassy personnel, has been set for Aug. 31, the Air Force said yesterday.

The defense attorney for Cooke, 25, of Richmond, Va., was granted a brief delay in the trial, which had been scheduled to open next Wednesday at Andrews Air Force Base.

Cooke, deputy commander of a Titan II nuclear missile crew, is accused of making several visits to the Soviet Embassy over a period of almost a year.

Officers engaged in sensitive work, particularly missiles, are required to report any contact with foreign officials.